

Woodpecker Hill Wood update 11th May 2026

Firstly Items:

1. The need for a strimmer. This has been raised with the Parish Council a number of times and a number of times has been pushed back. All that is needed is a battery powered strimmer with metal rotary blades. This would be so beneficial for keeping the footpaths clear.
2. Decent pair of secateurs for Mrs Newell as she has broken her last pair or alternatively loppers.

i) Painting of wooden benches completed this year. Norman was kind enough to fix a strut on the bench in the flower meadow which had rotted.

ii) Forest School: An ongoing activity with Gt. Finborough Primary School and also Gt. Finborough Under Fives who also had their Easter Egg Hunt within the wood.

iii) Rodney has been busy planting new saplings which he has raised .

iv) Martin has felled and cut a number of dead trees and I cleared and stacked those which have fallen due to gales along the pathways.

v) Autumn Tidy: An annual event to tidy and clear the wood ready for winter. To correspond with Allotment Association bonfire usually first week November . Publicised in Finborough News September /October issue for volunteers .

vi) Vandalism has unfortunately occurred with the large picnic bench on the football field. Anthony has taped it up for time being before deciding what to do. Apart from the four "plank" benches being upturned in the wood clearing no other incidents have happened.

All in all a reasonable start to 2026 the main priority being the upkeep of the footpaths through the wood and encroachment of brambles which is a never ending job and to purchase a strimmer and loppers please.

June Nathan

Volunteer Woodpecker Hill Wood